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Friday, the 24th November 1933/9th Vrischikam 1109.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the Clock in the forenoon, the President, Thomas Austin Esquire, I. C. S., Barrister-at-Law, Dewan of Travancore, presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Export duty on Cardamoms.

17.* MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Municipal Councils*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total extent of lands in the State under cardamom cultivation;

(*b*) the quantity of cardamom exported from the State during the last six years;

(*c*) whether there is any export duty levied upon this commodity;

(*d*) if not, whether they propose to levy any duty, and, if so, from which date; and

(*e*) the probable revenue that Government may derive by a levy of duty on cardamom exported from the State at the rate fixed for tea?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) The approximate total area under actual cardamom cultivation is 30,000 acres.

(*b*) The quantity of cardamom exported from the State during the last six years is noted below:—

Year.	*Quantity in cwts.*
1102	15,034
1103	6,378
1104	38,529
1105	14,949
1106	14,801
1107	7,277

(*c*) No export duty is levied upon this commodity.

(*d*) The question of the levy of export duty on cardamoms is under the consideration of Government.

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[Mr. C. O. Madhavan.]

(*e*) The average of the quantities exported during the last six years comes to 16,161 cwts. or 1,810,032 lbs. Calculated at the rate of Bh. Re. 1-8-0 per 100 lbs. which is the existing rate of duty on tea, the duty on this quantity of cardamom would amount to Bh. Rs. 27,150-8-0.

Vernacular Primary School at Koduvazhannur.

18.* MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Vernacular Primary School at Koduvazhannur pakuthi in Chirayinkil taluk is now conducted in a temporary shed, and, if so, from what date the school is being so conducted and what in point of safety to pupils, is the nature and condition of the temporary shed: and

(*b*) why provision is not made for the construction of a permanent shed for the school?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is presumed that the member means the Nagaroor Primary School for Boys.

(*a*) Yes; from 7-12-1104.

The Sub-Division Officer, Trivandrum West Sub-Division, inspected the shed and found it unfit for housing a school. The owner of the shed has since strengthened it by removing the defects pointed out by the Sub-Division Officer.

(*b*) Government have sanctioned the provision of a new building to the school at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,900. The work will be taken up as soon as funds become available.

Trivandrum Electric Supply Scheme.

19.* MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: With regard to the Electric Supply Scheme introduced in the Trivandrum town, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it was the original intention of Government to introduce street lights throughout the town;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative how and why the original intention was modified;

(*c*) how many streets were newly lighted during 1107 M. E. and which were they;

(*d*) what are the main considerations which weigh with the Government or the Electrical Engineer for introducing lights in a public street; and

(*e*) whether they will lay on the table a copy of the G. O. sanctioning the introduction of Electric Supply Scheme to the Trivandrum town?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise.

(*c*) Two. The approach road to the Pettai Railway Station and the approach road to the Central Station, Trivandrum.

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